



# TALES OF THE TRAILS

CLAUDE MOORE PARK

## THE ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL IS HERE; SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars, everyone! The date is almost here for the 1st Annual Autumn Arts & Crafts Show in Historic Claude Moore Park.

Vendors from Maryland, Pennsylvania, Washington, DC, West Virginia, Florida, California, and all over Virginia will converge at the park on Saturday, September 10 for the first annual show.

Gates will open at 10 AM and the show will run through 4 PM, rain or shine. Come on out and peruse over 100 booths; items include all types of jewelry (silver, gold, beaded, glass, stone, and wood), wood turning, country crafts, embroidery, watercolors, pastels, nature photography, sand art and face painting for the children, hand-painted furniture, stained glass, outdoor garden furniture and decorations such as windchimes and water displays, and much, much more.

Be sure to visit Chef Eloy's Kickin' Salsa, Country Pride Cheese, and Tastefully Simple for some gourmet food treats. You can also enjoy food from the grill, candy apples, popcorn, fresh lemonade, funnel cakes, and much more.

Take a break from your shopping excursion and sit under the shaded tent while enjoying the sounds of October Skies; they will be playing two sets at 12 PM and 2 PM at the main stage.

Admission is \$5 (12 & Over), \$4 (60 & Over), and Free (11 & Under). Please enter the park at the Loudoun Park Lane entrance.



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## FALL PROGRAMS OFFER SELECTION OF PRE-SCHOOL CLASSES

Claude Moore Park has a great selection of pre-school classes this fall. If you didn't receive your Fall Activity Guide (pictured below), contact the park or stop by the Visitor Center to receive one.

Nature Buddies (2 yrs.), Nature Explorers (3-4 yrs.), and Nature Adventurers (2-3 yrs.) are all Parent-Child classes available this fall. Themes include Turtles, Seeds, Trees, Squirrels, Fur & Feathers, Flowers, Birds, Fall Changes, Pumpkins, and Turkeys. Activities include stories, games, crafts, and a hike or other outdoor activities.

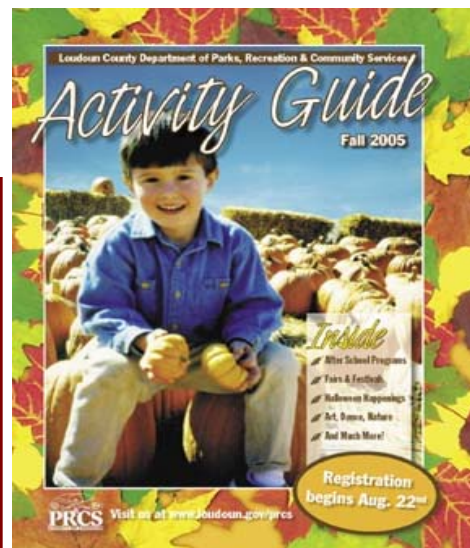
The park is also offering some great drop-

off classes for pre-schoolers. Classes offered include the themes of Hawks, Wild Rabbits, Ants, Squirrels, Fall Colors, Bats, Rotting Logs, Tracks, and much more. Activities vary in all of these classes but do include a hike through the park's meadows, forests, and trails.

Contact the park for more information on these great classes for your pre-schooler. Our main number is 703-444-1275.

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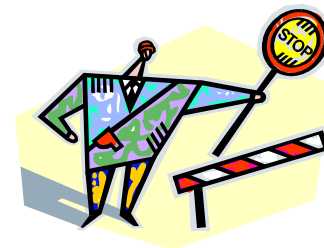
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## CONSTRUCTION AT ENTRANCE

If you plan to attend any nature programs during September and October, please leave yourself a few extra minutes to get to your program as the nature entrance on Old Vestal's Gap Road is currently under construction.



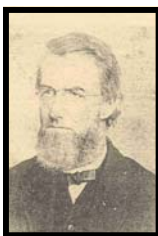
VDOT hired Golden Eagle Construction to install two new turning lanes for the park's nature entrance. For most of construction, the entrance will not be closed; however, there could be a couple of days where the entrance will be completely blocked. The park staff will notify program participants in this case and ask that they enter the park at the Loudoun Park Lane entrance and park at the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum. Again, we hope to give you advance notice of any closures.



Please be patient during this time as our entrance is improved. We would also like to remind you that the speed limit, once inside the nature entrance is 10 mph. The Visitor Center parking lot can be very busy with pavilion renters, children attending camps or programs, and general park users/hikers. The speed limit on Loudoun Park Lane is 25 mph, and drivers should be aware of two crosswalks along that road and the potential for trail users to be in those crosswalks.

## Upcoming special events or programs that you don't want to miss!

If you would enjoy a tour involving local history, stop by the **Lanesville House** during its **Open Houses**. On Saturdays, October 1 and November 5, plan to visit the open house from 9:30-11 AM. See the recent painting work done in both front parlors. Learn about the history of the only two families to ever have owned and lived in the house. Discover how the house was built in stages from just a two-room structure to what the house is today. This program is free; all children should be accompanied by an adult.



Benjamin Bridges II

You could also join us for a great hike, and walk in the footsteps of famous, and not so famous, heroes who helped create our great country. From American Indians, George Washington and Daniel Boone to the little known soldiers sending flag signals from Bridges Hill, retrace historic journeys through Claude Moore Park and visit the Lanesville Ordinary and Post Office. Children 4 and older will receive a stamped TimeTravelers Passport. There is a **Famous Footsteps Hike** on Saturday, September 24 and October 29; both hikes run 9:30-11 AM. The cost is \$3.50/person.



Another great hike that is available is the **Fall Ecology Walk**. Enjoy the park's hardwood forest with its trees aglow with color. Walk among golds, purples and bright reds, and smell the fall scents. Explore nature at its colorful best. This hike is set for Saturday, September 24 from 2-3:30 PM. The cost is \$3.50/person, and children must be accompanied by an adult. Program #161708-01.



**Lastly, bring the kids for a hands-on adventure at Frogshackle Nature Center.** Run your fingers through a muskrat's fur. See a life-size fox. Make animal tracks in the sand. Explore our log cabin nature center and see and touch many fascinating objects. Monthly themes: September--Turtles, October--Trees, November--Squirrels. Children must be accompanied by an adult; this is a free program with no pre-registration necessary. Three open houses are scheduled for the fall: Thursdays, September 8, October 6, and November 10. All open houses run 2:30-3:30 PM.



**For more info., please contact the park at 703-444-1275.**

# Volunteer Opportunities

**If you're looking for a volunteer opportunity in 2005, Claude Moore Park has the project for you!**

First, you can volunteer by joining the ***Friends of Claude Moore Park Advisory Board***. This 501c3 volunteer group supports the park's events, staff, and programs through many avenues. This group has done fundraising, event staffing, and advocacy with local government. **The next meeting of the Friends of Claude Moore Park is September 7 at 7 PM at Pavilion 2 in the park.** Please join us for a meeting to see what the group is all about! We'll be hosting a potluck dinner and a tour of the Lanesville House.

Second, ***Claude Moore Park is recruiting volunteers to become docents*** for the Lanesville House, the park's historic

property. A docent is a specially-trained volunteer who provides tours and historical interpretation to the public. We're looking for docents with a love of history to volunteer as a way to ensure that the house remains open to the public. Special training will be available. If this sounds interesting to you, please contact us. We are gearing up for 2005 events and would love to have you as a part of our volunteer team!



Lanesville House decorated for the holidays in December of 2004.

## Event Photos from the past month!



Claude Moore Park Maintenance Staff and Virginia Beef install sod on field 3 for fall baseball.



The infield on field 3 is almost complete. Now, it's time for water, water, water!



The End of the Summer Campfire was a big success! Although, we're not sure if this guy got that entire marshmallow into his mouth or not!



Everyone gathers around the campfire to roast marshmallows at the End of the Summer Campfire.

## Job Opportunities Available at the Park

**Currently, fall and winter part-time employment is available!**

### **FACILITY SUPERVISORS (Recruitment #20-010)**

These are seasonal positions that provide supervision for participants and park users according to park and department rules and regulations. Supervisors oversee park openings and closings, use of fields and pavilions, monitoring vehicle use, providing building coverage including phones, and some customer service. Several shifts are available. Requirements include a high school diploma and first aid certification prior to beginning work. Hiring range: \$11.13-\$13.35/hr.

### **NATURE INSTRUCTORS (No Recruitment #)**

These are part-time seasonal and/or part-time year-round positions that provide instruction for pre-school- and elementary-age participants. Subject matter includes nature (general), native flora and fauna, conservation, history (related to the park's history), and much more. Shifts include daytime hours during the week and some Saturdays and special events. Requirements include a high school diploma and any educational experience or past work with young children/youth, as well as first aid certification prior to beginning work. Pay rate: varies based on experience.



For more information on Claude Moore Park, please visit our website at [www.loudoun.gov/prcs/parks/claude.htm](http://www.loudoun.gov/prcs/parks/claude.htm) or call 703-444-1275.

You can also find a job application at [www.loudoun.gov](http://www.loudoun.gov); please complete it and return it to Loudoun County's Human Resources Department.